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Bringing the County Closer to You!

September 30, 2016

Damascus Harvest Festival & Local Business Fair
**Saturday, October 1   11:00am-4:00pm
Damascus Volunteer Fire Department Activities Center
26334 Ridge Rd, Damascus**

For more information, visit http://www.damascusfestival2016.com/

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Montgomery County Council to Host Town Hall Meeting for Students
**Wednesday, October 5   7:30pm
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

A pre-meeting reception will begin at 7:00pm in the building's second-floor cafeteria. At the reception, students will have a chance to meet with Councilmembers and talk with them in an informal setting.

High school, middle school and local college students can express views and ask questions of Councilmembers on issues such as starting the school year after Labor Day.

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Countywide Meeting on Agricultural Reserve
**Monday, October 10   6:30pm
The Universities of Shady Grove, Building II
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD**

Councilmember Craig Rice is hosting a countywide community meeting about the Agricultural Reserve. Call 240-777-7955 or email councilmember.rice@montgomerycountymd.gov with any questions.

Note: The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board's Land Use Committee, also scheduled to meet on October 10, will attend Mr. Rice's meeting and they encourage everyone else to do so as well to learn what activities are held or planned for the Agriculture Reserve.

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County Health Officials Announce Annual Flu Vaccination Campaign; Online Appointment System Available!

Montgomery County Health officials announced the dates for the annual flu vaccination campaign and urged residents to get a flu vaccination. Seasonal flu vaccinations will be readily available through private health providers, as well as at retail locations throughout the community. County-sponsored seasonal flu vaccination clinics will be held beginning in late October. Check the County's flu website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu for information on flu vaccination. Anyone not wanting to get the flu should receive the seasonal flu vaccination, particularly the elderly, household members living with children younger than six months of age, health care workers and individuals with chronic illnesses.

Flu shots will be available to individuals 6 months of age and older; schedule appointments on the County's website (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu) or call 311.

Check the County's flu website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/flu for schedule and more information.

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Nonprofit Resource Day
Friday, October 14   2:00pm-4:00pm
Gaithersburg Business Training Center

Nonprofit case workers have an opportunity to learn about a variety of resources that Montgomery College has to offer. The program is FREE. **Register Now** at **http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/nonprofit/resourceday.html**

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Plan for Community Service Week!
October 16-23, 2016

October 16-23 is the 30th anniversary of Community Service Week in Montgomery County. Projects for that week are being planned now. Ideas include working with your PTA to clean up the landscaping around your school or planning a collection drive with your co-workers to fight hunger in our community. Some funding for project materials is available, go to the Volunteer Center website to find out more and let us know your project ideas.

If you have questions or need help brainstorming project ideas email us or call 240-777-2600.

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Public Hearing: Community Development Needs
Wednesday, October 19   7:30pm
Council Office Building, 7th Floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland

Montgomery County's Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will conduct a Public Hearing on COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS to send comments to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDAC recommends how Montgomery County's competitively awarded federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are used, so public input is important.

Call the Finance and Administration Division at (240) 777-3621 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to register to testify or if you need additional information.

Meeting rooms are accessible to persons with disabilities. Hearing impaired and interpreting services are available upon request. Please call (240) 777-3621 or TTY (240) 777-3679 at least 72 hours before the hearing to request such service.

More information about the CDAC and CDBG Public Service Grant program can be found at http://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA/community/grants/index.html

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Join the Conversation to Help Shape Food Security in Montgomery County

The Food Security Plan is a working document that is being created by the Innovation Program of Montgomery County in collaboration with the Food Council to greatly enhance the level of food security in our County. The Food Security Plan resulted from the passage of County Council Bill 19-16, The Strategic Plan to Achieve Food Security in July.

The creation of the Food Security Plan is a collaborative effort involving community stakeholders, food security professionals and County residents. In an effort to gather and incorporate valuable perspectives from a wide range of partners into the Food Security Plan, the Innovation Program is hosting four Community Engagement Meetings between now and December 2016. Please join us at one of the following meetings if you have experiences and perspectives related to food security to share.

- Next meeting: ***Monday, October 17th from 9:30-11 am at Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square, Rockville. REGISTER to attend***

For additional information about the Food Security Plan and to find more opportunities to engage in the process, visit http://mocofoodcouncil.org/food-security-plan-and-food-action-plan/?mc_cid=4276a098f3&mc_eid=6072da7a10

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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION IS OCTOBER 18, 2016

Montgomery County citizens who wish to vote in the 2016 Presidential General Election need to complete and submit their voter registration application no later than Tuesday, October 18, 2016, by 9:00pm.

Registering to vote requires that you are a US citizen, live in Montgomery County, Maryland, and be at least 18 years of age on or before November 8, 2016.

Visit: www.https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1 to confirm that your registration is up to date.

You may also call 240-777-VOTE to verify your voter registration using the automated phone system or visit the office at 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, in Gaithersburg. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

The deadline to request a mailed absentee ballot must be received by 11:59 PM on November 1, 2016.

For more information or to download a voter registration application, visit www.777vote.org.

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County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01
Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases

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Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp
Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html
Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html